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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 23 pages, including 6 independent claims and 10 claims total.

2. Drawings- 6 sheets of formal drawings containing 12 figures. (Figures 1-12).
3. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 4 documents attached.
4. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2002-264977, filed September 11, 2002
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